

Appl. No. 10/616,742
Amdt. dated February 26, 2007
Reply to Office Action of September 25, 2006
Attorney Docket No. 0702-030799

REMARKS

Claims 44-71 are currently pending in this application. Claims 44-47 were withdrawn from further consideration following a restriction requirement. Claims 48-63 have been allowed, and claims 64-71 have been rejected for various reasons.

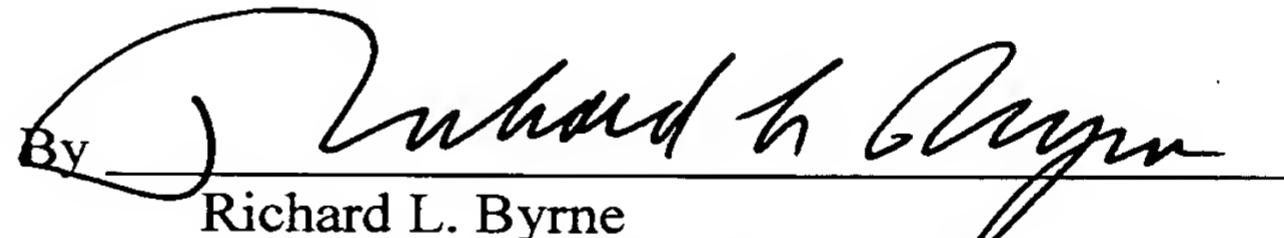
In response to this Office Action, Applicants are canceling claims 44-47 and 64-71, leaving only allowed claims 48-63 in the application.

The Examiner raised an issue with respect to priority to the parent application and support in the specification for certain limitations in the application. This issue relates to claim 66 and not to allow claims 48-63. Since claim 66 has been cancelled, it is believed that the priority and specification support issues raised by the Examiner has been rendered moot with respect to remaining claims 48-63.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe that the application is in condition for allowance. Issuance of a Notice of Allowance on claims 48-63 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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